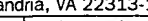
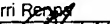




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Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The last correspondence received from the U.S. Patent Office was our Return Receipt Postcard dated January 21, 2005 acknowledging receipt of an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08A and a copy of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/283,114, filed April 11, 2001 by Franklin D. Kalk, entitled: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COUPLING A PELLICLE FRAME TO A PHOTOMASK SUBSTRATE". To date, we have not received any further correspondence.

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